

### News from Lee Buck

Sorry it has taken a while to thank you for the lovely gifts we received from the Church. The girls love their books, one is read every night. Moving is never easy especially, with a tight budget, but the money generously given to us really helped. We as a family would love to thank everyone at St John's for the donations, presents and prayers. I would like to thank St John's for allowing me to run a children's group although they didn't know who I was. I know I would not be doing God's work here in Sussex if it was not for the work I did at St John's.

I have survived the first half term and I am running 2 youth clubs and a Youth Café where we offer free pancakes and waffles. I also help run 2 youth clubs on a Thursday, but from next year I will be in charge of running them. Adrienne and I so enjoyed running On Fizz (youth house group) that we are planning on starting one here in January.

I am currently planning to take over 60 Young people to May Camp (Christian festival run by the Diocese) and 7 older ones to New Wine.

I have been getting updates on how the youth and children's work is going at St John's. I am so happy these have been able to continue.

I would love to say thank you to everyone for making us feel welcomed into your Church and for given me the opportunity that has lead me to my dream career. I hope you are all doing well, please do stay in touch. Lee Buck

### Christmas Flowers

We will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service this morning. Thank you. Jill O'Neill

### Mince Pies

Yes it is that time of year again! We are asking for contributions of mince pies for the Carol Service on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. There is a list at the back of church for you to put your name down. We would appreciate it if you would bring them along when you come to the morning service or before 5.30 p.m. Thank you once again. Carole Jewitt

### Christmas Stocking Service

Once again the generosity of St John's Church was simply overwhelming, so many gifts were given for people who may not receive any presents. Thank you and God bless you all. Debbie Fletcher

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# Get Connected

## Welcome to St John's!

We warmly welcome you if you are visiting us today. If you would like to know more about the life of St John's do collect a welcome pack, available at all our services. At our 10:45am service you can go to our Welcome Desk near the door where someone will be able to give you a Welcome Pack and answer any questions you may have.

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the All Stars and 10:45am services. Do join us for coffee and a chat.

## Full Time Children, Youth and Families Minister (CYFM)

As I announced at last Sunday's Christmas Stocking service I am delighted to tell you that the Diocesan Mission Fund have approved our application for a three-year grant to support the appointment of a full-time CYFM. Claire Coleman, who has been doing this role on a part-time basis since the beginning of September, will take up this post from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

As a condition of the grant Claire will spend one day per week supporting this kind of ministry within other Anglican churches in Folkestone. This is an exciting time as we seek to establish some joint activities that will make us more effective at reaching out to children and young people with the gospel.

Please support Claire with your prayers and if you feel willing and able to support her in more practical ways do have a word with her. I'm sure she could use your help.

Every blessing

Steve

## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book - Christmas Break
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall
2:00pm Primetime Carols, Hall	
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
5:30pm Brownies - Christmas Break	Churches Together, Christmas Outreach, Town Centre
7:00pm Grace Taylor Hall Carol Service	3:30pm Choir & Musicians Practice
7:15 Rangers - Christmas Break	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Evening</b>
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Carols by Candlelight, in Church
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	7:15pm <i>No Sunday Nighters</i>
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

## Come & enjoy Christmas 2016 with us at St John's Church

16th December Grace Taylor Hall	7:00pm	Carol Service
18th December in Church	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve in Church	4:00pm	Christingle Service
Christmas Eve in Church	11:30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Morning Grace Taylor Hall	9:15am	Holy Communion
Christmas Morning in Church	10:30am	All Age Service

## Spotlight on ... teams compete to help Winter Shelter



More than 40 people pitted their wits last Saturday night in our annual Quiz Night and raised £250 towards the expenses of our contribution to this year's Winter Shelter from entry prices and the raffle. This was the second of two events we have held for this purpose – the other was our Coffee Morning – and brought our total kitty for the Shelter to £680. David Donald set the questions and his wife Sally-Ann kept score. The teams were: United (who were the winners), Mixed Bunch, A-Z Knowledge, 4 Square, Santa's Little Helpers and The Scrambled Eggheads.

### Taizé Style Prayer Vigil

This will take place this evening in church from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. A time to receive and meditate to the sound of Taizé in a candlelit church. Members of the prayer ministry team will be available to pray with you. Note: This replaces our usual Worship@6 in the hall.

### Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am at the Captain's Table. Please let David Donald know if you will be there. (See Church Directory for contact details.)